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Wild Mushroom Permits for Sale on the Klamath National Forest

Yreka, CA – A popular outdoor recreational opportunity for the entire family is the harvesting of wild mushrooms on your national forest. This year the Klamath National Forest has developed a new mushroom harvest policy.

There are two seasons each year when mushroom harvesting is permitted. The spring mushroom permits generally start at the beginning of April and conclude by the end of July. The fall mushroom permits generally start at the beginning of October and end around the middle of November. The timing and duration of the harvest season depends primarily on weather conditions and resource impacts. Mushroom harvesters are encouraged to contact their local ranger district for current conditions and permit dates. The following ranger district offices will be selling mushroom permits on the Klamath National Forest:

- Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, Happy Camp, CA (530) 493-2243
- Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, Fort Jones, CA (530) 468-5351
- Goosenest Ranger District, Macdoel, CA (530) 398-4391

The office hours are 08:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Incidental use or mushroom harvesting by individuals is allowed without a permit for up to 1 gallon/day with a 5 gallon/year limit. Persons 18 years old or older picking mushrooms beyond the incidental use limits are required to have a permit to harvest mushrooms on a national forest. Persons younger than 18 years old may harvest mushrooms under the supervision of someone 18 years old or older that has a valid mushroom harvesting permit.

The fees for the mushroom permits are as follows:

(any mushroom species, any season)

# of consecutive days	Price	Maximum Gallons Harvested
4	\$20	8
30	\$50	20
Entire season (Spring <u>or</u> Fall)	\$100	40

These permits are not valid on private lands or other national forests. Permits issued and purchased from the Klamath NF offices are valid only for the Klamath NF.

This is an excellent reason to visit the great outdoors and explore new and exciting areas. Careful trip planning is important to have a safe and productive day. Please consider weather and road conditions when planning your route. Always let someone know where you are expecting to travel and remember there are areas that do not have cell phone coverage.

For more information, please contact Anne Mileck (530) 841-4419.